KALPNATH RAI): Yes, Sir, The hydro-thermal mix in the installed capacity has declined over the years. The harnessing of hydro power potential is dependent on various technical and economic factors including resolution of inter-State disputes regarding sharing of water resources, environmental considerations, rehabilitation of oustees, difficult terrains, longer laed time required for investigations of hydroelectric schemes and longer gestation period. These reasons contribute to slow development of hydro potential. However, a number of hydroelectric power projects have been proposed for construction in the Central and State Sectors for benefits in the Eighth Plan. External assistance is also proposed to be availed of for hydro power development in the country.

Survey on Energy Position in Rajasthan

2881. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Electricity Authority has conducted a survey on energy position in Rajasthan; and

(b) if so, the estimate made about the present and future power generation in Rajasthan and the present availability of power there from internal and external sources?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) The requirement of Electricity for drawing up power programmes is being projected at the National level under a system of periodic power surveys with which Central Electricity Authority is also associated.

(b) During the period April, 1988—October, 1988 as against the overall net energy requirement of Rajasthan of 4977 MU, the availability from all sources was 4868/MU. According to 13th Central Power Survey Committee Report, the projected energy requirment in Rajasthan at the end of Eighth Plan would be about 19872 MU.

Hydro-Electric Power Project in Rajasthan

2882. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of hydro-electric power projects under execution in Rajasthan at present;

(b) the total MW of power being generated from those hydro-electric projects;

(c) whether Government have a proposal to take up the execution of some more hydro-electric projects in that State; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) Ten schemes comprising major/medium, small and mini hydro-electric projects are at present under execution in Rajasthan.

(b) The total benefits of 111.25 MW from these schemes have been envisaged as under:

During the 7th Plan—103.515 MW

During the 8th Plan—8.38 MW

(c) and (d) Four new proposals for hydro-electric projects have been submit-